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REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF LEMPSTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1881.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

TOWN OF LEMPSTER,

In Account with the Selectmen for 1880-1.

Cash in hands of Treasurer March 1st, 1880,	$1,274 99	
Last annual assessment,	3,592 48	
Remaining on tax bill of 1879,	598 00	
" " " 1875,	51 55	
" " " 1874,	9 25	
Received of the county for the support of paupers,	477 96	
Received of the town of Marlow for support of J. P. Spaulding,	125 00	
Received Savings Bank tax, 1880,	381 43	
Literary fund,	45 14	
Rent on school land,	19 16	
Interest on taxes, 1879,	20 93	
" " 1880,	5 00	
Wm. Welch for bedding in tramp house,	2 00	
Borrowed of sundry individuals (see notes against the town),	7,974 00	
		$14,576 89

EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1881.

Town Officers paid to March 1st, 1881.

Paid Andrew J. Mitchell, services as Auditor,	$2 00	
Wm. E. Way, do.,	2 00	
L. A. Purmort, services as Selectman,	68 00	
Wm. C. Sabine, do.,	45 00	
Andrew J. Parker, do.,	40 00	
A. J. Mitchell, services as overseer of the poor,	16 25	
Asbury F. Perley, services as Treasurer,	20 00	
Walter A. Paige, services as Superintending School Committee,	15 00	
Fred C. Parker, do.,	18 00	
Geo. W. Hurd, services as Collector,	35 00	
Horatio L. Thompson, services as Town Clerk,	24 50	
Wm. E. Way, services as Supervisor,	10 00	
Asbury F. Perley, do.,	7 00	
Albert Noyes, do.,	7 00	
		$309 75

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	Jacob N. Butler,	$99 38	
2,	Hiram Parker,	75 17	
3,	Vinal G. Pollard,	71 40	
4,	Charles M. Booth,	59 59	
5,	Sylvia Pollard,	54 32	
6,	Theron M. Scranton,	31 09	
7,	Horace Gee,	70 43	
8,	H. L. Thompson,	83 97	
9,	Wm. E. Way,	49 89	
Asbury F. Perley for High School,		150 00	
Wm. A. Morrison's school tax paid to Acworth,		4 23	
			$749 47

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Geo. H. Baker,		$9 00

NOTES TAKEN UP AND INDORSEMENTS.

Paid Aira B. Moore,	note taken up,	$704 47	
J. N. Butler,	"	877 90	
Marietta Blanchard,	"	171 50	
Stephen Allen,	"	236 55	
Ephriam Jennings,	"	109 00	
Samuel Blanchard,	"	2,461 08	
Ianthia Nichols,	"	998 03	
Emily Eaton,	"	303 18	
Esther Booth,	"	704 34	
Wm. B. Parker, for Universalist Society,	note taken up,	1,020 89	
Andrew J. Parker,	note taken up,	151 18	
Henry Walker,	"	267 54	
Rebecca G. Dodge,	"	843 52	
Alfred Davis,	"	183 23	
Wm. B Parker, indorsement on note for Universalist Society,		25 00	
			$9,057 41

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid A. J. Mitchell, support of county paupers,		$470 47

SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Wm. A. Scales, for support of Erastus Nichols and wife from March 9, 1880, to Feb. 22d, 1881,		$105 75	
Martha A. Thurber, for support of Erastus Nichols in 1879,		57 50	
Wm. E. Way, for Nichols and wife,		4 38	
E. B. Richardson,	" "	09	
H. & F. C. Parker,	" "	39	
J. N. Butler,	" "	2 48	
For posting,	" "	2 00	
			$172 59
For support of J. P. Spaulding,			$132 75

PLANK AND LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Walter A. Paige, for 2000 ft. lumber,	$18 00	
A. J. Parker, labor on highway,	2 00	
H. L. Thompson, do.,	12 60	
Henry & E. L. Hurd, lumber, labor and iron rods,	26 50	
Geo. W. Hurd, 118 ft. bridge plank,	1 06	
Chas. W. Tandy, 1785 ft. do.,	16 07	
Theron M. Scranton, 188 ft. do., and labor,	4 38	
Charles Putnam, 1864 ft. bridge plank,	15 46	
Frank G. Pollard, plank, labor on highway &c.,	14 47	
Keys Bros., 358 ft. bridge plank,	3 22	
Sylvanus Fuller, timber and labor,	1 60	
Jas. F. Moore 354 ft. plank and labor,	4 50	
Ezra Miller, labor on highway,	2 00	
F. Cary, 320 ft. plank,	2 56	
		$124 42

BREAKING ROADS WINTER OF 1880-1.

Paid A. J. Baker,	$7 40	
Wm. H. Sevrens, Highway Surveyor,	14 90	
Frank G. Pollard, "	24 15	
Matthew Jameson, Jr., "	25 50	
H. L. Thompson, "	9 70	
Cyrus H. Hodgman, "	24 00	
Jas. F. Moore, "	22 10	
A. J. Parker, "	5 00	
Ezra Miller, "	6 00	
A. F. Perley, "	17 80	
T. M. Scranton, "	31 25	
J. H. Hutley, "	11 50	
Earl C. Scales, "	21 35	
Edson L. Hurd, "	15 30	
Herbert S. Hooper, "	14 85	
E. R. Breed,	2 20	
Frank C. Carey,	4 00	
Chas. Kempton,	3 40	
Bela N. Gordon,	1 50	
Chas. M. Booth,	4 60	
Frank F. Chapin,	8 30	
		$274 80

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement on bill of 1880,	$29 76	
" " 1879,	15 56	
		$45 32

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for printing town reports, 1880,	$11 80
Expenses of Selectmen while taking invoice and making out taxes,	6 75
J. N. Butler, recording births and deaths, 1879,	2 00
Edson C. Eastman, for books for use of town,	16 92
Michael Sweeney, repairing scraper,	1 10
State tax, 1880,	552 00
County tax, 1880,	631 27
Chas. R. Jones, labor on old town house,	5 00
Wm. C. Sabine, labor in cemetery,	4 00
A. J. Parker, "	4 00
Geo. W. Town, services as sexton,	21 36
J. W. Hardwick, damages for laying out highway,	25 00
Amos S. Huntoon, damages on highway,	20 00
Truman Pollard, breaking plow,	75
J. G. Robinson, for board of counsel, Selectmen and witnesses, in case before County Commissioners,	19 75
Albert Noyes, for check lists,	3 50
C. R. Jones, care of town house, toling bell, etc.,	8 75
E. R. Breed, damage on highway,	5 85
Geo. H. Baker, driving hearse,	9 00
Geo. W. Hurd, for tax bills, stationery and postage,	2 80
Wm. Welch, sawing 2 1-4 cords of wood for town house,	1 50
Irving H. Fuller, for dry wood,	2 50
A. F. Perley, bounty on hawks,	1 80
Geo. E. Perley, services as moderator, 1880,	4 00

Paid Wm. E. Way, glass and putty for old town house,	$3 40	
Wm. E. Way, goods furnished town house,	2 83	
Wm. E. Way, 4 cords wood and sawing 1 3-4 cords,	11 25	
Lemuel Miller, toling bell,	1 75	
L. A. Purmort, 1 cord dry wood,	4 00	
L. A. Purmort, incidental expenses of Selectmen,	11 98	
L. A. Purmort, expense to pay state tax,	4 25	
J. G. Robinson, entertainment of Town officers,	5 50	
Non-resident highway receipts, 1880,	60 06	
Remaining on tax bills, 1875,	36 09	
" " 1880,	342 66	
		$1,845 17

The Selectmen and Treasurer charge themselves with the receipt of	$14,576 89	
The disbursements amount to	13,191 15	
Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer,		$1,385 74

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN, MARCH 1st, 1881.

Marietta Blanchard,	$171 50	
Stephen Allen,	236 55	
Ephraim Jennings,	109 00	
Samuel Blanchard,	2,461 08	
Ianthia Nichols,	998 03	
" "	200 00	
Emily Eaton,	300 00	
Esther Booth,	625 00	
Universalist Society,	1,020 89	
Andrew J. Parker,	151 18	
Henry Walker,	267 54	
Rebecca G. Dodge,	800 00	
Alfred Davis,	183 23	
Alden Carey,	300 00	
Lucius A. Purmort,	150 00	
		$7,974 00

Interest due on above notes, March 1st, 1881,		289 70
Amount of notes and interest,		$8,263 70

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	$1,385 74	
Due on tax bill of 1875,	36 09	
" " 1880,	342 66	
Rent of school land,	4 50	
Endorsement on note,	25 00	
		$1,793 99

Amount of outstanding notes and interest,	$8,263 70	
Assets,	1,793 99	
Balance against the town,		$6,469 71

Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1880,	$6,993 80
" " " 1881,	6,469 71
Reduction of debt,	524 09

L. A. PURMORT,
WM. C. SABINE.
ANDREW J. PARKER. } Selectmen of Lempster.

We, the undersigned, Auditors for the town of Lempster, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them properly vouched, correctly cast, and the records suitably kept.

A. J. MITCHELL,
WM. E. WAY. } Auditors.

Lempster, March 1st, 1881.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1881.

The statutes of the State require that the Superintending School Committee of each town shall make a yearly report of the condition of the schools in the towns over which they have supervision. Complying with said statutes, the committee submits the following report of the winter terms.

The committee feels it his duty to emphatically urge upon the citizens the necessity of securing competent teachers to instruct the youth of our town. There is some considerable strife in a few districts in town in the choice of a Prudential Committee, the reason evidently being to secure the services of a certain party for teacher. All such strife as this is detrimental to the highest interests of the schools in question, for where there is strife and contention between the parents of a district, there is apt to be trouble with any teacher, no matter how well qualified, who undertakes to teach such a school.

There is no correct means of comparing the several schools in town as to their deportment and advancement. If the town were willing to compensate a committee for more frequent visits, a means would be partially provided for such a comparison. It would seem that the school registers ought to give the needed information, but teachers are so different in their manner of

marking, that we fail of means from this source to secure anything by which we should dare to return such a comparison. A comparison of this kind would be of value, and would undoubtedly incite both teacher and scholar to strive for a higher degree of excellence. We can truly say that we think that schools in town are more than ordinary and in point of scholarship surpass those that are more favored.

LIST OF TEACHERS FOR WINTER TERM.

NO.		NO.	
1	Miss Jennie L. Parker,	6	
2	Miss Amanda Leach,	7	Miss Emma Hill,
3	Mr. John Welcome,	8	Mr. Abram W. Mitchell,
4	Miss Leona Kempton,	9	Miss Cora F. Sabine.
5	Miss Amanda Leach,		

These teachers have all acquitted themselves creditably and a good degree of progress has been made in all the schools, yet it has been more noticable in some than in others.

In Nos. 9 and 1, good advancement was made and the teachers had the sympathy and respect of the scholars, and where this occurs a good school is the result, if there are not outside forces at work.

In Nos. 3 and 8, commendable progress was made. The teachers did good work both in their instructions and maintenance of good order.

In Nos. 4 and 2, the schools appeared very creditable at close, both of which had commenced before your committee's term of office began. We believe the teachers were faithful in their instruction, and the pupils made fair progress.

In No. 5, the teacher is too well known for us to comment to any extent. Miss Leach has taught many schools and her services are ever in demand, as she is known to be a fine teacher.

The school is very much improved by the addition of new pupils moving into the district, making it advanced and considerable larger in numbers.

In No. 7, there was too much familiarity between teacher and scholars to secure the best results. It is hard to keep good order where this exists, and scholars are inclined to think more of play than study, yet the school appeared well at the examination and the teacher's labors were attended with a good degree of advancement.

We endeavored to impress upon the minds of the schools the importance of pursuing every study with thoroughness, and to discourage the idea that it was the chief thing "to go through the book." Owing to the unusual amount of snow and the severity of the weather, the attendance has not been what we should otherwise expect.

Many of the schools in town are more deficient in scholars than anything else, and the time is not far ahead when either districts will have to consolidate or expend their share of money on perhaps one or two pupils. We should suggest that when it is possible for districts to thus join, that it be done very soon. It is for the material interest of both districts that they should unite. It is impossible to have a school of high order with so few scholars, as is the case in some of our districts. Teachers cannot stimulate scholars to put forth so great efforts, and interest is lacking on the part of both parents and scholars; and the money which not exactly thrown away, does not accomplish half what it ought. It is not good financiering to thus have our school money used; we should get more out of it.

The committee of last year spoke in his report of the decided lack of illustrative apparatus, and reference books. We have not seen as any district has taken any heed whatever of his valuable suggestions relating thereto, nor are we very firm in the faith that anything will be done in the year to come. However, we must urge upon the citizens, the great need of something of

this kind. A *small globe* and a *dictionary* would add very much, and would be alike useful and serviceable. They will not cost very much, and we consider them indispensable in every school, especially in such schools as we have in this town. Citizens, look into this matter and be up with the times.

We have not found the schools badly classified, indeed, the books are quite uniform. One new text-book—namely, a grammar—has been introduced, and it has given good satisfaction in the main. A new spelling book is much needed and should be next introduced. The one now in use has been used a long time, and a new one would stimulate scholars to attend to this neglected branch of study, more diligently.

The High school was taught again by Mr. G. E. Perley, who, being familiar with the requirements of the school, was enabled to make the term alike profitable and pleasant. The examination was interesting, and showed that thoroughness was observed and practiced. The literary exercises during the term, and the closing exercises compared favorably with former terms, although the scholars were not so old in years. Let us, as citizens of Lempster, and friends of general culture and improvement, not allow this school to cease, but let us lend it our aid always. In so doing, we shall advance the standard of our common schools, the foundation of future prosperity, and the hope and strength of coming generations.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. PARKER, S. S. Committee.

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